

103^D CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. RES. 211

To express the sense of the Senate welcoming the May 1994 concert tour of the 150 Ensemble Symphony Orchestra and Chorus of Hellenic Radio and Television under the direction of Mikis Theodorakis.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 4 (legislative day, MAY 2), 1994

Mr. RIEGLE submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the 150 Ensemble Symphony Orchestra and Chorus of Hellenic Radio and Television, under the direction of Mikis Theodorakis, shall conduct a month-long goodwill tour of Canada and the United States during May 1994;

Whereas the proceeds from the concert tour of the 150 Ensemble Symphony Orchestra and Chorus of Hellenic Radio and Television will benefit a number of philanthropic organizations, including the Greek reforestation effort sponsored by the Plant Your Roots in Greece Foundation;

Whereas the leader of the concert tour, Mikis Theodorakis, returns to North America after an absence of nearly 2 decades, and shall lead the Ensemble and Chorus in performances of his own works;

Whereas the leader of the concert tour, Mikis Theodorakis, is an internationally renowned musical genius and is considered to be Greece's greatest living composer, and has composed more than 200 popular songs, 10 symphonies, 3 ballets, 2 oratorios, a folk opera, and the Olympic anthem (which was first performed at the 1992 Summer Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain), and the film scores to "Z" and "Zorba the Greek";

Whereas the leader of the concert tour, Mikis Theodorakis was born in 1925 on the Greek island of Khios, taught himself to write music from memory and without access to musical instruments, and studied at the Paris Conservatory;

Whereas the leader of the concert tour, Mikis Theodorakis, combines his exceptional artistic talent with a deep love of his country, and is dedicated to heightening international awareness of human rights and environmental issues, and ending child hunger in the world; and

Whereas the United States is fortunate to welcome the 150 Ensemble Symphony Orchestra and Chorus of Hellenic Radio and Television, under the direction of Mikis Theodorakis, for the series of concerts they will present during May 1994: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) the Senate welcomes the 150 Ensemble

3 Symphony Orchestra and Chorus of Hellenic Radio

4 and Television, under the direction of Mikis

1 Theodorakis, to the United States and applauds
2 their talent and enthusiasm for their work; and

3 (2) the Senate acknowledges the musical con-
4 tributions of the leader of the concert tour, Mikis
5 Theodorakis, and supports and appreciates his ef-
6 forts to promote human rights, raise awareness of
7 environmental issues, and end child hunger.

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